

AUTO FOR TIGER HUNTING.

Motor Car is Supplanting the Elephant and Howdah with Princes of India.

The preparations have now to be made when the news of a tiger coming in a jungle is brought, says The Calcutta Statesman. Petrol, and not a howdah, is the thing to be used for. A few minutes' drive brings the hunter and the tiger face to face with each other.

News came in the other day of a tiger roaming on the banks of the Sindhu near Uchar, a village some 14 miles from Datta City. The maharajah accordingly motored out to the village with his staff on the thirteenth. That day was devoted simply to observing the movements of the tiger. A goat was tied up and was duly slain by the tiger, who, making for the river bed and placing his prey on the sand close to the water, entered the cool pool and bathed and gambled for some time. Having thoroughly enjoyed himself he came out and after feasting in the clear moonlight, took his way back to the jungle.

Next day the maharajah sat up for the tiger. The beast returned to his feed, and had just caught the goat by the right ear when the maharajah fired, hitting the tiger in the head, the first bullet proving fatal. The tiger rolled over on the ground, with the goat held fast in his jaws.

Early in the morning the maharajah returned in his motor car with the dead tiger placed in the rear seat, the goat still hanging in the tiger's mouth. So fast was the grip that the goat did not fall down, though the motor was run at full speed. It was a very strange sight to see the slayer and the slain driving and driven together and the goat hanging in the jaws of the dead tiger.

FIJI GOLF.

The Fijian game of tika is probably as ancient as golf, which it somewhat resembles. The brown warriors play along the roadway, and the game consists of long drives with a reed, one end of which is set in a large brown bean. Balancing a javelin nicely in the hand, with the forefinger as the driving power they project it swiftly at a mound on the road ahead, from which it glances, falling 200 or 300 yards away. Thus they walk and play for miles, vying with each other for the longest drive. The Fijians "keep their eye on the mound," for it needs some skill to strike the heap of stones at the right spot on the reed so as to secure a long straight flight.

WOMEN OYSTER GATHERERS.

The work of oyster collecting and culture is most unsuitable for women, but in France, owing to its tedious nature, it does not appeal to men.

Often from an early hour in the morning till late into the evening the women are standing up to the knees in water, with a strong sun beating down on them. The result is that never a year passes without some of them going mad and having to be hurried away to the asylums.

The work is well paid—as, indeed, it ought to be—while in the case of the few who own beds the profits are large and small fortunes are quickly amassed.

A LESSON.



The Lady—Look here, you said that I'd give you your dinner you'd mow the lawn for me.

The Hobo—I'd like to do it, ma'am, but I gotter teach you a lesson. Never trust th' word of a total stranger.

POOR CHOLLY.

Ethel—I am a little worried about Cholly! He told me yesterday that if I didn't marry him he would blow out his brains.

Kate—Oh, nonsense! Don't you fret. If Cholly should blow out all the brains he has it wouldn't make any noticeable difference.—Somerville Journal.

THE ELEVATED HANDSHAKE.

How It Originated as a Fashion—Empress Josephine's Lace Handkerchiefs.

It appears that some of the present day fashions owe their origin to physical defects. The elevated handshake is one of these, and a Paris contemporary throws an interesting light upon its origin. It appears that a prince, a leader of society in the French capital, had a caruncle or some such inconvenient and painful growth on his shoulder. Whenever a friend gave him a handshake the operation as far as the prince was concerned was most painful. To prevent this he raised his hand horizontally to his shoulder, and, if we may use the expression, had "the whip hand."

This new method of handshake was the astonishment and admiration of certain persons always on the lookout for the latest in society, who thought that the prince had inaugurated a new fashion which one sees daily in operation in the Strand.

The dainty lace handkerchief which ladies use owes its origin also to the defects of nature. The unhappy Empress Josephine introduced the fashion. She suffered from bad teeth, and living in the time when American dentistry was unknown, she cast about her for some means to hide the defect. The cambric handkerchief with rich lace was the outcome. If the empress wished to laugh or had to open her mouth widely the handkerchief was requisitioned.

Again, yellow lace has its origin in sadness, according to tradition. A lady of distinction had lost her husband by shipwreck or some other cause. She was impressed with the idea that he would return and vowed to continue wearing until he was restored to her the lace which adorned her dress when she said farewell. Like Josephine's handkerchief, her intimates thought her soiled lace was an innovation in fashion and adopted means to copy it.

EGYPTIAN GOLD MINING.

An Egyptian mining center—probably worked as early as 2500 B. C.—was in the eastern desert, between the Red sea and the Nile. The lately discovered remains described by C. J. Alford include small irregular stone huts, arranged in groups of two or three, to towns large enough for 1,000 men. The ancient workings are buried in sand. The only vestiges of mining appliances are elliptical rubbing stones for coarse crushing and quartz mills for reducing the rock to fine powder, ready for washing out the gold.

TOO TAME FOR HIM.



Missionary—See here, young man, why don't I see you in Sunday school any more?

Kid—Aw, go on! Dey ain't even got de life of Jesse James in de library.

THE TACTFUL DOCTOR.

A physician in a small town in northern Michigan got himself into a serious predicament by his inability to remember names and people. One day, while making out a patient's receipt, his visitor's name escaped him. Not wishing to appear so forgetful, and thinking to get a clue, he asked her whether she spelled her name with an e or i. The lady smilingly replied: "Why, doctor, my name is Hill."

IDENTIFIED.

"This," remarked Mr. Cane, "is my photograph with my two French poodles. You recognize me, eh?"

"I think so," said Miss Softe. "You are the one with the hat on, are you not?"

MOTIVE IN DOUBT.

Jinks—Mr. Manton says he never spoke a harsh word to his wife.

"Yes," remarked a lady, "but was that due to kindness or caution? That's what I should like to know."

MIGRATORY RAIN BELT.

How It Has Changed Western Deserts Into Profitable Farming Land.

"The rain belt? Why it moves oftener than a deadbeat renter."

It was a Texan who was thus describing the customs of the moist area, D. E. Bryant, a lawyer of Sherman, Tex. He has lived in Grayson county, near Sherman, 55 years.

"When I first went to Texas from Kentucky in January, 1853, the country and climate were dry," he said. "Kansas was habitually dry. In Texas the black loam of Grayson county and the adjacent counties had barely enough moisture to raise a poor crop. Now there has been too much rain for the amount of tiling and the depth of drainage."

"The change has been gradual, just as it has been in Kansas. Western Kansas, which was once a desert, is now just about right for agriculture. The eastern end, which was once just right, has been deluged in late years. The rain belt has moved 500 miles west in the last 55 years, and most of the moving has been in the last 20 years."

TEST, TASTE AND TESTINESS IN COURT.

The meaning of words and disputes as to the exact words used by witnesses caused some amusing arguments at a recent sitting of the supreme court. Sir Henry Berkeley was telling the jury that a witness said he went to a certain shop frequently.

Mr. Slade objected that that statement was not correct. The word used was "occasionally."

Sir Henry turned up his notes and found the words were "a good many times." "A good many times" means "frequently," argued Sir Henry. "I venture to say Webster will prove that."

A little later Sir Henry said the witness was seen tasting the sugar at the Cheung Loong shop.

"He said testing," interrupted the chief justice.

Sir Henry—"You test by tasting, my lord. I know a lot about sugar to my cost (smiles)."

ONE TOO MANY.

Bernard Robbins, head of the legal department of New York's court of appeals—this charity helps the poor to adjust their marital troubles without going to the expense of lawsuits—said the other day:

"Such work as mine makes you, if you are not careful, pessimistic about marriage, so that you find yourself telling grimly over and over again the story about St. Peter and the widower."

"What? You don't know the story? Well, it seems that two souls approached St. Peter side by side, and the younger was repulsed sternly by the saint on the ground that, since he had never been married, he had never known suffering."

"The older man advanced with glad confidence. He stated that he had been married twice."

"But him, too, the saint repulsed, saying: 'This is no place for fools.'"

—Kansas City Journal.

A CHINESE OBJECTION TO RAILROADS.

An Americanized Chinaman, Chin Gee Hee, is the projector, president and engineer-in-chief of a railroad which has recently been opened in the Hongkong hinterland. Of the six locomotives used four were purchased in the United States, the others coming from Germany. The president says his chief difficulty in building the road was in overcoming the obstinacy of the natives, who opposed the work on the ground that the smoke from the locomotives would ruin their crops.

WITHOUT WONDER NONE CAN SEE

The man who cannot wonder, who does not habitually wonder (and worship), were he president of innumerable royal societies, and carried the whole mechanic celeste and Hegel's philosophy, and the epitome of all laboratories and observatories with their results, in his single head—is but a pair of spectacles behind which there is no eye.—Thomas Carlyle.

HOW SHE FOUND OUT.

Mother—"Did you know that was fresh paint on the front stoop, dear?"

Mamie—"Yes, mamma. I was afraid you might have said down on it."

"No, mamma, I didn't. Clarence sat down on it, and I saw on his lap!"—Youkers Statesman.

BARGAINING WITH A BURGLAR.

How an Old Banker Used Diplomacy to Get Rid of an Unwelcome Visitor.

A group of his friends were discussing William Winslow Sherman, the old banker, who died not long ago.

"He had the coolest nerve of any man I know," said one. "Three or four years ago, when Sherman was an old man and partially crippled by reason of a fall from a horse, he entered his bedroom late at night to find a masked burglar ransacking it."

"The thief had a big gun raised on Sherman in a minute. The banker just waved it aside with a tired hand. 'Put that away,' he said irritably. 'Let us discuss this matter like gentlemen.' The burglar was so surprised he laughed. 'Now, you could hurt me if you wanted to, and might get away with some little knick-knacks,' said Sherman. 'But you might be caught, and there's a slight probability that you could dispose of my toilet articles profitably. What would you consider a fair cash proposition to go away?' They talked it over in all peace."

"The burglar thought he ought to have ten dollars, but Sherman, after inquiring into the man's habits, said eight dollars was enough. 'You see,' he said, 'you're a known thief. If this were your first offense I'd pay you your price, but now the police have your picture you ought to be glad to accept any fair compromise and run no risk.'

"The burglar finally agreed to take eight dollars. Sherman pulled out a ten-dollar bill. 'Give me two dollars change,' said he. And he got it before he paid."

SOCIAL FEUD IN DOLLBOM.



Mamma—Aren't you going to take you doll to the Schneiders this afternoon?

Marlechen—No; she can't bear Elsa's doll.

TALE OF TWO CITIES.

New York fleeces her dwellers by ordinance, her visitors by agreement, her transients by stocks; Boston sells them copper tokens and revolutionary souvenirs. The New Yorker who has escaped the alderman, the lobster palace and the sandbagger gives his money to a bank receiver, and that prudent person brings it to Boston to escape the burglar. New York is a financial center, Boston is a financial refuge. People camp on the cliffs of New York; they have homes in Boston. Gotham is clubbed by policemen; the Hub is policed by clubmen. New York is a way station on the road to Hades; Boston is the gateway to Paradise.

A FIGHTING SNAKE.

There is only one snake in the far east—that is, Burma, India, Siam and the Malay peninsula—that will always and at all times attack a man on sight. That is the hamadryad, justly more feared than any other animal that crawls.

Fortunately for mankind, they are not common except in limited districts. They are so feared by all that the native skirarris or hunters will go miles out of their way to avoid the locality in which they are known to exist. The hamadryad will stalk a man as a tiger stalks his prey.

USE OF OLD GOLF BALLS.

A new use has been found for old golf balls. The keeper of an upland links is a poultry breeder as well, and he utilizes the worst of the balls he finds as "pot eggs" to test the "broody" propensities of his hens.—Manchester (Eng.) Guardian.

IMPROPER.

Mildred—Do you know, Ned Alston told me that that horrid Mr. Parker dreamed about me last night.

Marion—Well, what of it?

Mildred—Why, he has never been introduced.—Somerville Journal.

ROTHSCHILD ONE LARGE CLAN.

Remarkable Number of Unions Between Cousins Belonging to Family.

The founder of the Rothschild family, Mayer Amschel of the Red Shield, dying in 1812, exhorted his five sons, engaged as loanmongers under him in Frankfurt, Vienna, London, Paris and Naples, not only to remain faithful to the law of Moses and stand ever united, but to undertake nothing of importance without first consulting their mother.

Nathan, founder of the London branch, also was so convinced of the business capacities of his wife, a Cohen, that he not only left the huge residue of his fortune at her disposal, but, says the Ladies' Realm, added instructions that his sons were to engage in no undertaking of moment without her consent.

How far the instruction was observed one is not in a position to say, but it is certain the Rothschilds have done their best to live in family unity, for from the Gentile point of view the number that have married cousins is appalling. Of the five children of the great Nathan each married a cousin.

And, coming to contemporaries, Lord Rothschild is the son of cousins and the husband of a cousin. Returning to Nathan, the Sidonia of "Coningsby," though his offspring married cousins, a reaction followed in the next generation, for three of his granddaughters, two of whom have been already named, married not only out of the family, but out of the faith.

FOR CURTAINED BARBER SHOP.

Woman Decries the Common Practice of Publicity.

"Queer, isn't it," said the observant woman, "that though American men are modest individuals, they have been content all these years to be shaven and shorn and massaged in full view of any one who happens to be passing. I mean that all the barber shops are on the street level or below it, and with a wealth of uncurtained glass front that allows a man's toilet to be regarded as a matter of public interest. You might think this exposure was tolerated by the customer only because it insures a good, strong light for the delicate operation of shaving; but not so, for even at night when the electric lights are glaring down the shades remain up, and pedestrians may gaze upon unlovely lathered faces in any barber shop they pass. Going over a comparatively small area last week I counted 200 tonsorial parlors and not one of them attempted even the gauziest screening between its customers and the public gaze. Personally I don't consider that a man is at his handsomest under the barber's hands, do you?"—New York Press.

The World's Greatest Fleet.

While Great Britain may claim the chief distinctions of the maritime world, the largest single fleet carries the red, white and black, and its house flag is the Hamburg-American. Its 38 distinct services carry the world's commerce into and out of nearly every important port of all continents. If the entire fleet were assembled in one harbor, it would present an imposing array of 160 ocean steamers, eight others under construction, and 215 river steamers and harbor craft—a total of 383 vessels, with a gross tonnage of nearly a million. If this fleet were welded into one mammoth steamer, it would be nearly five miles long, more than a mile wide and about a mile deep. To load it with bales of cotton would require the average yield of 2,000,000 acres; it could take the wheat crop of 3,000,000 acres, and half a billion feet of lumber would not fill it. This is the commercial hyphen that has connected Hamburg and America for 61 years.—World's Work.

Plant Stones of Philippines.

"Plant stones" seem to be among the rarest of the strange products of the Philippine islands. The tabashir is a variety of opal sometimes deposited in the joints of the bamboo, and the beautiful greenish-pink scintillating specimens of the Philippines are stated by a German publication to be much more costly than the ordinary opal. Thousands of canestalks may be examined without finding one of these curious gems, which are probably the result of disease or injury. Beautiful bluish pearls or stony secretions are occasionally formed in some cocconuts, and are found, ranging in size from a pinhead to a pea, by carefully examining the interior of ripe nuts. About a dozen of these exquisite pearls—all from the Philippines—are said to be preserved among the treasures of European museums.

THE COLONNAS PART AMERICAN.

Oldest Family in Europe Has This Unique Distinction.

At a Newport luncheon a diplomat discussed blue blood.

"You Americans have the best of everything," he said. "It is but natural that the bluest blood in all Europe should be part American."

"The bluest blood in Europe, the oldest European family, is the great Roman house of Colonna. Without a break the Colonnas trace their descent from one powerful prince to another dear back to Julian the Apostate."

"No royal family of Europe equals this. The Romans of Burgundy, the descendants of the old Burgundian kings, alone approach it."

"And this Colonna family, a better family than the Kaiser's or King Edward's, is now part American; it half belongs to America, for its head, Prince Maffeo, is the husband of that beautiful American who was Miss Mackey."

Vegetable Stories.

"These are vegetable stones," said a geologist. "Stones, that is, that grow in vegetables."

"Here is a tabasheer. It is found in the joints of certain kinds of bamboo. It is always round and brown, like this. Here is the cocconut stone. You find it in the endosperm of the Javanese cocconut. Round or pear-shaped, it has always this milk-white luster, like a pearl. The smaller stone, with its pearly luster a little tarnished, is found in the pomegranate. It is pure carbonate of lime. These stones are formed from silicious and calcareous juices circulating in the plant organism. They are the result of a diseased condition. Man himself, you know, occasionally puts forth stony growths; and they must be removed, or the human stone-grower lies in excruciating pain."

Demands Come High.

A young man in a responsible post in a New York broker's office asked his employer for an increase in salary the other day.

"Why do you want more than you've been getting?" queried the boss.

"Well, I'm doing two men's work now. Then, too, it's pretty hard sledding to make both ends meet each month. I've got a good many demands on me that you don't know anything about."

"I know one of them, anyway," retorted the boss, with a smile. "I saw you eating with her at the Waldorf last night after the show. If the other 'demands' I don't know anything about are as pretty as she is, I don't blame you. But if I raise your salary \$15 a week I would advise you, as a financier, not to increase your demands."

Queer Languages.

Among the queerest languages used by human beings are those of Gomer, in the Canary islands, and the Cameroons of West Africa. The Gomer converses with people a mile or so distant by whistling, using both fingers and lips so expertly as to express all the signals required to make the conversation intelligible. A Cameroonian man uses a drum for the same purpose. The instrument is rather peculiar, its surface being divided into two unequal portions, so that when it is struck it yields two different notes. With a code not unlike the taps of the telegraph system, the natives make this drum express any syllable of their language.

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No. 31, Daily... 11:09 p. m.

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